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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC POLITICAL MACHINE: THE DEADLIEST MENACE TO FREE INSTITUTIONS AND LIBERTY!

**A ROMANIST STAGES
HIERARCHY'S BOGIE**

**Motion Picture Scheme Would Lead
to Inference Wilson is Responsible
for Alleged Persecution
of Mexican Clergy**

FILMS APPEALED TO PASSIONS

**The World's Exposure Causes Failure
of the Plan to Drag Religion
into Politics**

On September 18th, the New York World with its usual enterprise and keen scent for news sensations laid bare a scheme that up to that hour had progressed smoothly and rapidly—a scheme that out-heralds all previous contemptible and disreputable efforts to defeat a president by unjustifiable innuendoes, baseless inferences and misrepresentations.

The scheme in its obviously intended ultimate result was worthy of the Jesuitical cunning that no less than the moral obliquity shadowed forth in the doctrines of "mental reservation" and the "end justifies the means" has marked the actions of these incessant political meddlers and trouble makers of all governments.

The facts as brought out, smack of political Romanism at every step as will be presently shown, but for the moment we recur to the World's exposures that created consternation in the camp of the plotters and ultimately led to the discarding of the whole outrageous matter, but not until enough had been dragged into the light to prove a boomerang to all concerned. The film company has dropped Hal Reid, and the national committee, in view of the nation-wide indignation expressed by decent citizens, has decided in the picturesque parlance of the street, to "can" the proposed production.

A Story of Shame

Briefly the facts are as follows: one Hal Reid, a Roman Catholic, arranged with the Republican campaign committee to produce a scenario which would luridly portray on the films the alleged outrages said to have been perpetrated by bands of revolutionary Mexican soldiers during the past few years. These it was intended to connect with the president of the United States, by implication and with all the subtle power of illustrations unjustifiably associated, with the obvious purpose of appealing to the passions of uninformed and unthinking people in such a way as to lead them to regard President Wilson as responsible for alleged outrages such as too frequently occur during revolutionary periods in lands that have for centuries been under the iron heel of hierarchical or political despotisms.

To the thoughtful student of history the outrages alleged to have taken place are profoundly instructive and suggestive, showing as they do the real fruitage of four hundred years of Roman Catholic despotism, Roman Catholic religious training, education and oppressive government. Here is a land in which the Roman Catholic church, save during brief intervals, has completely dominated the government and the people.

Until the adoption of the Laws of Reform no religion but the Roman Catholic was permitted by the constitution to be preached or taught in Mexico while the education of the people was wholly in the hands of the church. There are less than five per cent of Protestants in the nation of Mexico; and yet we are told after four hundred years of Catholic rule, the people in the metropolitan period of the last century the opening years of the present century evincing a hatred for the hierarchy and the priesthood that finds no parallel in modern Protestant lands, while the contempt for the persons of the nuns as well as the priests, if a title to the lurid stories which the hierarchy has been disseminating are true, afford a startling illustration of the results of perverted schooling and Roman Catholic religious educational training, that should not be lost upon the American public.

Rome's Bogie Revamped

This attempt to bring before the public, matter in which political

Romanism is deeply interested, it will be observed, is merely a new effort to utilize the alleged outrages which Rome in her press and through her accredited speakers from Cardinal O'Connell and Monsignor Kelley down, have been industriously using in a frantic attempt—not unfrequently accompanied by veiled threats to get President Wilson to further the political plans of the clericals or Roman Catholic hierarchy in Mexico. The World in its story exposing the dastardly scheme said:

Religion is to be injected into the political campaign by the Republican National Committee within the next week, according to present plans, through the instrumentality of a moving picture based on a scenario written by Hal Reid and produced by Mr. Reid, assisted by Everett Colby, former Progressive state senator of New Jersey and now an active member of the Republican National Committee.

One of the chief scenes of the photograph shows a group of Catholic nuns fleeing in terror from a band of Villistas before a convent in Mexico. They are overtaken, seized by the Mexican bandits and dragged into the underground, screaming and protesting. Instantly there is flashed on the screen a picture showing President Woodrow Wilson at his desk in Washington, his head resting on his arm, asleep.

The movies depicting the imaginary outrages which are star features of Reid's lurid scenario was staged at Sheephead Bay and some members of the National Guard were performers in the play. In speaking of the way this indecent, not to say immoral realistic spectacle, gotten up by this Roman Catholic aspirant for fame, affected onlookers, the World says:

The staging was not done in Mexico, it was done at Sheephead Bay. One of the World's informants says: "The residents of the immediate locality were horrified by the scene when the soldiers dragged the nuns into the thicket, disrobing and otherwise assaulting them."

The World further said: It was also learned that some of Mr. Reid's friends, when told of his new photograph, expressed themselves in substance as follows: "I do not believe that I have ever listened to anything that shows such real rottenness in politics as this idea of the Republican National Committee."

"It is the most disgusting thing I ever listened to."

"It constitutes a series of deliberate and studied insults to the nation's chief executive."

On September 21st, the World thus refers to the ignominious shelving of this disreputable and discreditable film.

The Hidden Hand Again

Persons familiar with the way political Romanism works behind the scenes, especially if they are acquainted with the vigilance of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in overlooking all important steps taken by "sons of the church" that might have important political bearing on future affairs, will not for a moment imagine that political Romanism had no knowledge of this important theatrical visualization on the screens of the wild, sensational and lurid stories which the hierarchy's agents have been so actively exploiting for the purpose of preventing President Wilson from recognizing the Carranza government, and for promoting public opinion favorable to clerical domination in the sister republic.

Mr. Reid admits that the proposal did not come from the Republican national committee. That Mr. Reid is a Roman Catholic, was clearly indicated by "The Boston Traveller" when on September 18th, Miss Niver a Roman Catholic film censor of Philadelphia, in discussing another photograph said in referring to Mr. Hal Reid, "Later Reid called me up on the phone and told me of being a convert to the Catholic church." Such a person would be an ideal character to play the potentially important part for Rome at the present time, when the nominations on both tickets lack much of what the Roman Catholic political machine could desire.

Candidates and Roman Machine

Mr. Hughes, with his Baptist raising and affiliations is probably a

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**MUST PAY ATTENTION
TO POINTS AT ISSUE**

**Personal Attention Given Now to
Congressional Committee May
Mean Report on Resolutions at
Coming Session of Congress**

THE LEAGUE DESIRES ACTION

**And Statesmen From All Parts of
U. S. Are Declaring Themselves
in Favor of Investigation**

If House Joint Resolution No. 264 introduced into congress by Congressman Lindbergh of Minnesota, at the request of the Free Press Defense League, is to be reported out of the committee on rules in the short session of congress beginning in December and closing in March, some really active work will need to be done. We appreciate the fact that great numbers of our workers are circulating petitions and obtaining signatures thereto, and there is no question but that the mammoth petition, when wheeled into congress, will be a record breaker. It will have an influence as but few things can. However, it is necessary that we give the committee or rules some special personal attention.

The chairman of that committee, Robt. L. Henry of Waco, Texas, has not yet been approached by our people, so far as we have been able to ascertain. Then the other members of that committee: Edward W. Pou of Smithfield, North Carolina; Finis J. Garrett of Dresden, Tenn.; Martin D. Foster of Olney, Ill.; James C. Cantrell of Georgetown, Ky.; Pat Harrison of Gulfport, Miss.; Thomas G. Patton of New York, N. Y.; Philip P. Campbell of Pittsburgh, Kan.; Irvine L. Lennor of Superior, Wis.; William S. Bennett of New York, N. Y.; and B. M. Chipfield of Canton, Ill., should all be approached and informed on the points at issue by well informed parties. We do not advocate trying to coerce these men into reporting favorably on the resolution. We merely ask that they be correctly informed as to points at issue, and we will be glad to assist in any way we can, through literature, letters or otherwise, in reaching them with the argument; an argument that to us seems conclusive.

Each of the above named congressmen are parliamentary experts. They are influential members of congress and are deserving of courteous treatment and a right to their opinions. However, we should assist them in forming their opinion, by furnishing them with information such as they will not be furnished with from other sources. It is hardly to be expected that these men, surrounded by pressing mat-

ters of every kind, have given much, if any attention, to the activities of political Rome; and neither is it unlikely that they have overlooked the pernicious activities of Rome's politicians, because they have not associated the affiliations of these politicians with their attempted legislation.

However, a thorough going-over of the ground for the past few years will convince any person of the probable need for an investigation, even though he may doubt the allegations set forth in the League's petition. The League has resorted to the highest court in the land with a democratic remedy for a thoroughly un-American practice. The League desires to drive religion out of politics and keep it out. It seeks to do so by an exposure of the ever increasing activities of those who are injecting religion into politics, and does not wish its friends to employ boycott or any other un-American practices in obtaining action through the committee on rules.

We insist upon a campaign of education and we appeal to you who reside in the home states, (especially in the district they represent), of these congressmen to assist us and suggest ways and means by which these men can be properly reached. The coming session of congress will be the greatest in history, if we can but obtain the passage of the League's resolutions. Let us labor to that end, remembering that this is the first serious attempt ever made to procure an investigation of political Romanism before a court of inquiry.

To all who are not in harmony with the patriots' desire for this investigation the unanswerable argument that this is Rome's greatest opportunity to vindicate herself if the charges are false should be sufficient answer. Surely, if sincere, Rome will not object to investigation—on the contrary all the powers of that mighty organization will join forces with the patriots and protest at every delay that threatens.

However, it is a notable fact that Rome is making no demand for the investigation and this attitude on the part of the accused is probably partially responsible for the support which statesmen are according and promising to the Resolution. Since A. W. Lafferty of Portland, Oregon, so boldly announced his stand on the question, others have followed, of whom Carl W. Thompson of Winchester, Indiana, an ardent supporter of all that stands for good government, is by no means the least notable.

Others in Wisconsin and other states have also declared themselves in favor of the Resolution to trusted friends or openly—and, on the whole, the outlook is very encouraging. With these things in mind, we should lose no time in assuring ourselves that the Resolution will be reported out of the Committee on rules at the coming session of congress.

**FLORIDA'S SHAME NOW,
A BENEFACCTION LATER**

**Supreme Court Takes Democratic
Nomination for Governor from
Sidney J. Catts and Gives
It to W. V. Knott**

CATTS' FRIENDS ARE INDIGNANT

**Will Place Him on the Independent
Ticket—Has Already Been Nomi-
nated by Prohibition Party**

The influence of Rome and rum has temporarily triumphed in Florida, the judge of the supreme court at Tallahassee having just decided favorably to W. V. Knott, the defeated candidate, the mandamus proceedings recently brought by him demanding the election board to recount the ballots in certain precincts, the result of such recount giving Knott the democratic nomination for governor over Sidney J. Catts by twenty-one votes, and forcing the board to issue another certificate of election at the June primaries to W. V. Knott.

Readers of THE MENACE are already familiar with the underhand, typically Roman Catholic methods used against Mr. Catts by the state democratic committee; when he first announced his candidacy before the primaries, by attempting to disqualify his constituency in advance with a ruling that any democrat who belonged to a secret society which had anything to do with matters political should not be allowed to vote.

The brazenness and utter disregard for the rights of free citizenship in this first move were so apparent that the people revolted and forced the committee to rescind its action.

But the Romanized, rum-soaked wing of the Florida democracy was not to be outdone by the more decent citizenship, so they backed their candidate in his scheme to secure the certificate of nomination by any means that would secure the desired end.

The first recourse of a defeated, disgruntled candidate, of course, is to resort to a contest—a recount of the ballots. Knott was permitted by the supreme court to recount the ballots in certain precincts, and, as was to be expected, HIS recount gave HIM the lead.

This lead is accounted for by newspapers and the very best citizens of the state in allegations to the effect that ballots were changed, mutilated and thrown out to suit the convenience of Mr. Knott, and charges of wholesale fraud and theft of ballots have never been successfully contradicted. Yet in the face of these charges, and in the face of the fact that the canvassing board brought to court evidence to show

that the ballot boxes had been insecurely kept since the primary, and witnesses to prove that ballots at the recount had been tampered with and new marks made on them, this Romanized supreme judge was two days making up his mind to let this evidence come out from the witness stand, and then finally ignored it in the end.

On the strength of Knott's OWN recount of the ballots in certain precincts, his attorneys asked the canvassing board to recount the amended returns. This they refused to do, whereupon the attorneys for Mr. Knott then secured an alternative writ of mandamus to force the board to show cause why the recount should not be made. This is the way the case got before the supreme court, and was the means used by Mr. Knott, through the favor of a Romanized court, to steal the nomination from Sidney J. Catts and have the name of W. V. Knott placed on the democratic ticket as the nominee of the democratic party for governor of Florida.

Notwithstanding this wholesale fraud and persecution heaped upon a single man by the reactionary element of the whole state of Florida, Sidney J. Catts will be overwhelmingly elected governor in November if every patriot stands at his post and sees to it that an honest election is held and an honest count of the ballots is had.

The Catts campaign committee is working diligently, and under a provision of the Florida statutes an independent candidate's name must be placed on the ballot if five thousand qualified electors petition the election board to have it done. The committee says that it will not only have the required number but that it will be just as easy to have fifty thousand signatures to the petitions, and that they are going to get them.

Not only that, but the Prohibition party of the state of Florida just recently nominated Mr. Catts as its candidate for governor, and should the high hand of Rome and rum continue to rule and thwart the will of the masses of the people to the last hour of the campaign, there will still be a chance of success. Not only that, but democrats can scratch the name of W. V. Knott and insert the name of Sidney J. Catts, should his name not appear, and that is what thousands of them will do before they will swallow the dose of papal poison prepared for them by Knott and his henchmen. If Republicans and Socialists will do likewise, Catts will come out with such an overwhelming majority that Knott will never want to tackle another proposition as Knott as defeating a man who does not train with the Knotts and Whatnots of popery.

So far as this world's goods is concerned Mr. Catts is a poor man—but he is rich in character, high ideals and nobility of purpose.

His friends have come to his rescue financially as they have otherwise. They have furnished him with an automobile and for several weeks he has been making from one hundred and fifty to two hundred miles a day and delivering from three to six speeches. Only once in several weeks has he been at his humble little home at DeFuniak Springs, and that during a lull in the fight with his opponent over the recount of the ballots. Even then he was restless and remained but a few hours, leaving his devoted wife with this remark: "It is no use for me to sit here and wait for my opponent to take my certificate away from me. I am going among the people and tell them what is being done, and I will go into the November election as the people's nominee even if the court gives Knott a certificate."

And he went among the people—and he is still going among them—and he is telling them what is being done—and they are thronging by thousands to hear him—and they are listening—and they are going to vote for him in November—and they are going to elect him governor of Florida—AND THEY ARE GOING TO SEAT HIM WHEN ELECTED!

The last information from Florida is to the effect that Mr. Catts is entitled to 69 votes in one of the counties which was not originally counted, and that the court has ordered these votes counted, which will result in Mr. Catts being again declared the nominee. The time for settling the question of who gets the nomination under the order of the court will expire on Oct. 6th.

**THE ROMAN OCTOPUS
IN THE EMERALD ISLE**

**Papal Methods and Organization
For Controlling the Irish Race as
Revealed by Their Own
Approved Pamphlets**

THE METHOD OF PROCEDURE

**Every Action of Bigots Would Be
Anticipated by Intelligent Heads
Eager to Defeat Them**

By ERNEST PHILLIPS

The following important paper is from the pen of our special English staff correspondent. Mr. Phillips is an author of ability, a careful, conscientious and authoritative writer, and the following paper is valuable as showing that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is a world-wide machine operating alike in all lands for the control and the mastery of government and the people by methods abhorrent to lovers of freedom, fair play and justice, and diametrically opposed to the ideals, principles and practices of fundamental democracy. The revelations of the pamphlet quoted by Mr. Phillips are in perfect keeping with the pernicious activity of a similar character which has marked the activities of the great Roman Catholic hierarchical organization, the American Federation of Catholic Societies, in obtaining secret information that will enrich the priests and increase political power of the hierarchy, instead of contenting herself with the weapons of democracy, viz., freedom of speech, press, assembly, equal rights for all churches, and opposition to all such unconstitutional weapons of despotism. The boycott, she groves herself the arch enemy of liberal democracy and human rights and should be opposed as the most insidious and dangerous foe of liberal democracy, progress and enlightenment, all of which depend upon freedom, equality of rights, and opportunity.—Chairman of the Editorial Board.

Note by Author

The facts here stated are culled from a pamphlet entitled, "Handbook of the Catholic Association," issued in 1903. After the pamphlet had been published, the priests realized they had made a mistake in allowing the public to know so much about the proposed methods of the Catholic Association, so they told the servant girls who were employed in Protestant families to seize all the copies they saw in their employers' households. It is very difficult now for a Protestant to obtain a copy of this illuminating pamphlet.

The chief object of the Catholic Association was to replace Protestants in their civil positions in Ireland with Roman Catholics by pressure and intimidation if necessary. The promoters of the Catholic Association justify their proposed organization in the following words:

"In truth, the need for a movement to advance the temporal interests of Catholics is too imperative to be ignored any longer, and the certainty of what it could achieve is too great to be denied, as there is example at hand to prove. But lately the French free-thinker and publicist, Mr. Urbain Gohier, professed himself 'alarmed' at the power and progress of Catholicism in America. Beyond a doubt the American Catholic Federation, though but a short time in existence as yet, has had something to do with that progress, while the great work of the Volkverein in unifying and solidifying German Catholicism and assisting its social progress, has been already adverted to."

Now, it seems that some laymen noticing that the principal officials on the staffs of Irish Railway Companies were Protestants, conceived the idea of forming an association which would agitate for a change in the composition of these staffs. Of course, it was no concern of these agitators that the best men had been chosen to manage and work the Railways—hence the exclusion of Roman Catholics.

Approved by the Bishop

This is what the pamphlet says about the work of forming the association.

"A constitution was sketched out and having been submitted to many Catholic laymen and clergymen (who showed an interest in the movement) for their criticism, it was definitely drafted and submitted to their lordships, the archbishops and bishops of Ireland, who at their meeting in Maynooth, passed the following resolution on October 7, 1902:

"The bishops view with great satisfaction the proposed establishment of a National Catholic Association for the purpose first, of forwarding the temporal interests of Catholics in Ireland, and secondly, for promoting the practical support of the Irish language, literature, art and industries."

Now it is safe to say that the Protestant bishops of the Church of England and of Ireland have never been connected with an association

How Rome Loves Freemasonry

In the Brooklyn Tablet for Sept. 9 there is a question from some one of the Tablet's readers wanting to know the chief reason for Rome's opposition to Freemasonry and why she forbids her Catholic sons joining this fraternity. The questioner says he had read much literature on the position taken against Freemasonry by Rome's alleged church. The answer as set forth by the Tablet is in part as follows:

"The best writers on the subject hold that the church is against Freemasonry chiefly because she regards it as a heretical religion. There is no question that religion plays a prominent part in the workings of Freemasonry and that in practice men are wont to accept its measure of religion as satisfying without providing for regular attendance at any church. The pope empowered to watch over the religion taught humanity by the Son of God, must of necessity frown down upon any creed whether professedly a creed or not which endeavors to bring Christ's doctrines to man without submission to his infallible teaching authority."

So again, we see the Catholic press, with the sanction of the Right Rev. Monsignors—Joseph McNamee, Jas. J. Coan, E. J. McGolrick, and John I. Whelan—together with the approbation of the Right Rev. Chas. E. McDonald acknowledges and gives publicity to the fact that the Roman church does undoubtedly oppose Freemasonry; that said church brands it as a heretical religion and the pope frowns down upon what HE IS PLEASED TO CALL a professed creed, because masonry has not seen fit to submit its ritual to his "infallible" blue pencil in order that he might cull the truly American principles therefrom.

That Rome still emphatically opposes Freemasonry in language that admits of no misunderstanding is not news to the informed, but to those who believe that an exchange of courtesies between the pope's loyal knights and Masons can be referred to as a "pleasant episode" and possibly regarded as a closing of the breach between popery and Masonry, the above quotation from the Tablet should serve as an eye-opener. "His holiness" is not going to sanction Freemasonry or any other organization over which he does not exercise by right of his boasted "Infallible Teaching Authority" full control.